



The Chapel
April 13, 2025
Dave Gustavsen

Week 13: Finish Well
Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

1. OPEN IN PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Have a group member pray, invite the Holy Spirit to lead, and fill your time together.

2. GETTING STARTED: (10 MINUTES)

- Question: What are some windows of influence that have opened and closed in your life? Are there any that you wish you had used more effectively?

3. READ ACTS 20:17-38 TOGETHER (5 MINUTES)

- Ask one or two group members to read the passage aloud.

4. DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)

Understanding the Passage:

- Paul says, "I served the Lord with great humility and with tears..." (Acts 20:19). What does it look like to serve God rather than people in your current roles and relationships? How might this approach change your interactions with others this week?
- Read **Galatians 1:10**. What's one area of your life where you struggle with people-pleasing? How can that impact our effectiveness as witness for Christ?
- If someone observed your life for a week (your conversations, social media, how you spend time), what would they conclude is most important to you? Would it be clear that Jesus is at the center of your life and message? Why or why not?
- Paul states in verse 20 that he "did not hesitate" to share what was helpful. What makes us hesitate to share our faith with others? As we wrap up this series, how have you grown in sharing the gospel daily? What has helped you overcome your hesitation?
- In Acts 20:22-24, Paul expresses his willingness to face hardship for the sake of his mission. How does this reflect Jesus' teachings about discipleship in passages like Matthew 16:24-26 or Luke 9:23-24? Where would you place yourself on the "Mission Gauge" between comfort and risk?

Applying the Message:

- Think about a specific "window of influence" currently open in your life. What is one concrete step you can take this week to be a more effective witness for Christ with this person or group, considering the areas of Master, Message, and Mission?

- Pastor Dave provided three "gauges" to evaluate ourselves: Master, Message, and Mission. Which of these areas presents the greatest challenge for you personally, and what Scripture might help you grow in that area?

5. LIVE IT OUT: (10 MINUTES)

Paul described what it meant for him to "finish well".

v. 18 - lived life with those who believed because of his influence

v. 19 - served the Lord, even with severe opposition

v. 21 - shared the gospel with everyone

- What change can you make in each of these areas so that your final testimony will look closer to the final testimony of Paul?
- Paul's only aim was to "complete the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace". What will you do this week to make this a more singular focus of your life?

6. CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Pray that we, as individuals and as a church, work hard and be generous to those in need.
- Pray for the leaders and Elders of The Chapel to keep one another accountable as they watch over the flock. Pray for God's protection over them as they guard us from any distortion of God's word of truth.